

HOSTILE TO THE HEBREWS.

A Frenchman Who Gets in Jail for Expressing His Opinions.

Paris produces various remarkable types of character, and among them must be numbered Edouard Drumont, who looks like a Hebrew and is the most anti-Semitic newspaper man in France. He is the editor of *Le Libre Parleur*, and having been found guilty of libel is now living at Ste. Pelagie, a prison for journalists, where, if he is con-



EDOUARD DRUMONT.
demned to remain within four high walls, he enjoys a certain amount of liberty, the rules of Ste. Pelagie being anything but severe.

He had trouble at college when a lad, and after holding an official appointment for a few months resigned, declaring that he "would rob the state no longer." Then he went to writing, and as a journalist, dramatic author and maker of books has proved remarkably fecund and fairly successful. His notoriety, however, is based on his war against the Jews. He was born in 1844 and is six feet tall, with black hair, black eyes and a thick black beard. He has a high forehead and a large mouth, and he always wears spectacles. When not in prison he resides alone in the Rue de l'Université. He is a widower and has no children.

In addition to "La France Juive," which ran through 150 editions, Drumont has written many other works. In 1878 he brought out "The National Holidays" in Paris; in 1879, "My Old Paris," which was "crowned" by the French academy. He then wrote a novel, "Le Dernier des Tremolins," which was a tremendous failure. After these publications he came out as a pamphleteer and placed himself at the head of the anti-Semitic movement in France. After "La France Juive" came "La France Juive Devant l'Opinion," "La fin du Monde" ("The End of the World"), "La Dernière Bataille" ("The Last Battle"), "Le Testament d'un Antisémite" ("The Will of an Anti-Semite") and but a few months ago "Le Secret de Formis," which created another sensation.

When called upon to explain the final end that he dreams of in his formidable campaign against the Jews he was wont to reply, "I wish to see formed an immense court of justice, whose duty it shall be to revise all fortunes that have been wrongly acquired, and which shall decide at the same time what measures are to be adopted to place such persons in a position that they shall be no longer able to continue their plunderings."

THE BUNYAN TANKARD.

It May Be Seen by Visitors to the World's Fair.

Miss Mary Callahan, of Chicago, has been intrusted with the custody of a solid silver cup which belongs to Mr. Bach, of Robinson, Ill., and which was once the property of the wife of John Bunyan. The cup is to be exhibited at the World's fair. It weighs between twenty-two and twenty-three ounces avoirdupois and holds a little more than a quart. The inscription indicates that it was given by Nathaniel Pander to Elizabeth, wife of John Bunyan, of Bedford, in 1671. The front of the cup bears the words in let-



THE CUP

ters that interlace each other. "The Pilgrim's Progress." On the bottom are the words, "The gift of Nathaniel Pander to Elizabeth, wife of John Bunyan, of Bedford, 1671." The English coat of arms is engraved on the top, and it bears the stamp of the inspector of silver-smiths, "B. L."

When Bunyan died the cup was given to the Rev. Andrew Gifford, pastor of the Baptist church of Bedford. During the life of this good man it was used as a piece of communion plate by the congregation whose spiritual welfare he guarded. The Rev. Mr. Gifford died years after he received the cup, and it fell to his heirs, who were not thrifty. They pawned the silver tankard to a London broker, who held the trophy until Isaac Maynard saw and redeemed it. When Isaac Maynard died the cup descended to his wife by will, and when she was laid away beside her husband the cup passed to her daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Maynard Bach, late of Robinson, Ill. Mrs. Bach died recently, and the tankard is now owned by her son.

Lively Sleighting.

Everybody is sleighing at South Ste. Marie, Mich., where there are more than 250 dog teams, to say nothing of the horses, but there are more dog teams than horse teams. They drive them tandem and double. The dogs are of all kinds and colors, and no attention seems to be paid to blood. The more mongrel a dog is the better he is liked for a sled team. They use the teams for delivering milk, for lighting street lamps and for every other purpose.

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A WEALTHY BAREFOOT BOY.

A Physician's Son Who Goes Stockingless Summer and Winter.

The indignation of the passengers on a western Maryland railroad train was somewhat unnecessarily excited near Baltimore by the unusual spectacle of a richly clad boy of five or six years, whose legs and feet were perfectly bare, although the winter morning was a cold one. The child was accompanied by his mother and sister, both of whom were richly dressed, and the sudden conclusion was formed by the passengers that the family had spent so much money in wraps, dresses and coverings for the bodies and shoulders of the elders that nothing had been left wherewith to provide a protection from the inclemency of the weather for the boy's extremities.

The appearance and conduct of the three, which indicated culture, wealth and, on the part of the mother, parental solicitude for the welfare of her offspring, and on the part of the boy perfect content and comfort and apparent obliviousness to the fact that his feet and ankles were bare, hardly seemed to accord with the hastily formed suspicion of the curious spectators. On inquiry it was ascertained that the boy was the son of a prominent physician who had lost one child after another with throat diseases until he hit upon the idea of turning his children out barefooted, as children went before stockings and shoes, which retain the moisture of the foot and the moisture of the ground, were invented.

The physician's experiment proved to be a perfect success. The barefooted boy was the picture of health. At Union station he ran up the cold boards and ice covered bricks laughing and singing and totally unconscious of any discomfort. By adopting the barefoot method the Maryland physician has succeeded in raising a family of healthy boys and girls. Winter and summer his children of both sexes have gone shoeless and stockingless. People look on with curiosity and amazement, but the doctor is perfectly satisfied with the results.

Indian mothers made their babies hardy by plunging them in the ice covered streams. Physicians of today say that the best remedy for cold feet is to plunge them into cold water. The warmth, comfort and exhilaration which come from the attraction of the blood to the extremities exceed any physical delight to be extracted from toasting one's toes at the open fire, the register or the steam radiator. It seems to be Mother Nature's way of teaching us that we must endure before we enjoy and that the greatest joy comes through endurance.—Baltimore American.

Smoking Not So Dangerous After All.

The corner of St. Louis has "knocked out" one superstition of the doctors and explains himself thus:

"I think I have knocked one superstition completely out. This is the belief that inveterate smoking causes heart diseases. Out of a total of 460 deaths due to heart trouble that have come under my observation during the last two years, only two of the victims were regular smokers. Drink caused the largest portion of those diseases, and so the deaths. Fifteen years ago, when I was back in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, a doctor told me that I would be a dead man within two years unless I quit smoking. My heart was affected, he said, and the tobacco, by increasing the organ's movement, aggravated the malady."

Six years ago that same physician passed through this city on the way to Colorado for his health. He was almost a complete wreck, and his heart was in a very bad state. I happened to meet him, and almost the first thing he said was, "You quit smoking long ago, I suppose."

"Well, scarcely," I replied. "I smoke now on an average twenty-five cigars a day and never felt better in my life."

You never saw such an astonished man in your life. To make a long story short, I got that man to smoke a cigar, and before the morning was over he had smoked five. Tobacco put him on the up road to health again, and he is living yet.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Rolling an Empty Barrel.

One of the interesting spectacles of the streets adjacent to the great markets of this town is the feat of barrel rolling performed by predatory boys, mostly Italians. It may seem an easy thing to roll a barrel along a crowded sidewalk, without doing aught that shall bring down the disapproval of the police, but it isn't. The Italian gleener tips his barrel, open end up, at an angle of thirty degrees or less, and whisks it along by deft touches with one hand at the inner edge of the rim. A barrel thus treated by a clever lad can be sent along for blocks with only an occasional touch from the other hand. Even at curbs and crossings the skillful roller keeps his barrel going with one hand. There is never a collision with the ordinarily careful pedestrian, and the time of advance, when the pavement is clear, is straight as the crow flies.—New York Sun.

The Blue Color of the Sky.

The blue color of the sky is probably merely the color of the air seen through a length of about forty-five miles. It has been observed by those who have ascended about five miles above the earth's surface that the sky appears of a dark, inky hue, owing to the very small refraction and dispersion of the light, while the blue color no longer appears above, but below them. Similarly the blue color of distant hills is owing to the same cause. Del Meer believed that were it possible for a man to ascend to a height of ten miles he would find himself in total darkness, even though it were bright noonday on the earth below him.—St. Louis Republic.

Pitiful Paragraphs.

Nothing in the newspapers is more pitiful than the constantly recurring paragraphs which contain the last letters of a suicide. The pathos of them is not observed by the absurd inadequacy of the reasons which they only too often advance for self destruction.—Boston Globe.

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